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OWI Task Force Deployment Results

From 8PM Saturday night to 4AM Sunday morning, the Southeast Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force conducted enforcement targeting impaired drivers. The model for the deployment was “***Stop, Test, Arrest,***” with the goal being to reduce the number of OWI traffic deaths and injuries in this area.

This concentrated and coordinated effort by law enforcement agencies in the Milwaukee County area, under the direction of Sheriff David Clarke, **resulted in the arrest of 29 people for Operating While Intoxicated**, despite the rainy weather.

The most significant factor of the 29 arrests is that the average blood alcohol content was .18. The state average is .17. Despite extensive media coverage, educational components and increased enforcement, many drivers in our area continue to drink and drive with an alcohol concentration more than double the legal limit.

Other statistics of interest:

Total traffic stops: 225

Total number of citations written: 152

Arrests for other outstanding warrants: 4

May 15 and May 23 are the next scheduled deployments of the Task Force.